

Examining the Creed

I am an American Airman: Air Force members are defenders of the nation. Consider the importance. This phrase is repeated throughout the creed.

I am a Warrior: Airmen employ the world's greatest airpower **and** go "outside the wire." Establishing air dominance or clearing roadside bombs, Airmen are there. Warriors.

I have answered my Nation's call: Many **enter** the military for various reasons, but most **join** when they discover the pride in serving their country.

My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win: Everything we do is to ensure mission success. We as Airmen will fight for what is right, and fight to win.

I am faithful to a Proud Heritage, A Tradition of Honor, And a Legacy of Valor: History makes you smarter, and heritage makes you prouder. Heritage is a reflection of our past and shapes us today.

Guardian of Freedom and Justice: A call to the Constitution. Airmen swear an oath to support and defend against all enemies foreign and domestic.

My Nation's Sword and Shield, Its Sentry and Avenger: Airmen protect while taking the fight to those who threaten the American way of life. As avengers, they fight for those who have fallen.

I defend my Country with my Life: Airmen stand tall, and if necessary pay the ultimate price for their country and their countrymen.

Wingman, Leader, Warrior: As leaders and warriors, in time of war or peace, each Airman, to the best of their ability, is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of their fellow wingmen.

I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, And I will not fail: As Airmen, no matter the situation, we all come home together. As Americans, we will not waiver in our decisions, and there is no way we accept failure.

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**Do you truly understand
the Airman's Creed and
all it means?**

creed

noun \ 'krēd\

a set of fundamental beliefs;
also: a guiding principle

Purpose

USAF Airmen have a promise to both country and colleagues. The Airman's Creed is an oath that provides a value structure by which to live or work. The creed sets the tone of life in the United States Air Force. If you are a member of the Air Force, you must learn its creed.

Your service puts you in an elite group of Americans—a group who stood tall and accepted the oath to serve their country. Military personnel make up less than one percent of the total U.S. population. That's something you will be able to hold to for the rest of your life.

The creed is fueled by the Air Force's heritage and the warfighting-focused culture, conviction, character, ethic, mindset, spirit and soul to be fostered in all Airmen.

The Airman's Creed reflects pride in the role of air, space, and cyber-space power and a commitment in supporting and defending the nation.

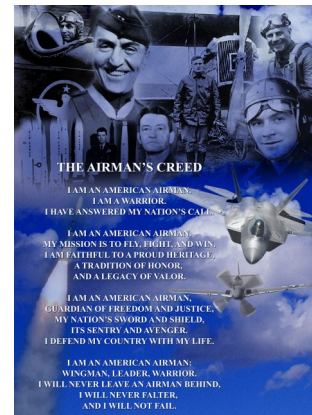
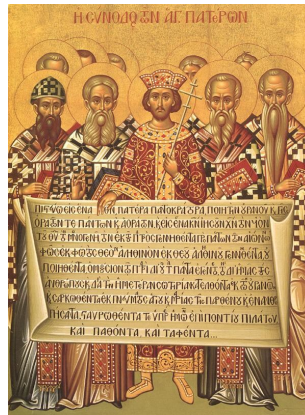
Fortune 500 companies may have a creed to increase the productivity of their company so revenue increases; however, the Airman's Creed defines who we are, what we stand for, and the fact that if you mess with one of us, you mess with all of us!

History of Creeds

The word **creed** derives from the Latin *credo* which means 'I believe'.

The earliest creeds were religious based, where a creed was a brief statement of faith used to enumerate important truths, to clarify doctrinal points, and to distinguish truth from error. These creeds were drawn up at times of conflict about doctrine: acceptance or rejection of a creed served to distinguish believers and deniers of a particular doctrine or set of doctrines. Religion has, through history, produced a number of creeds.

In modern times, the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Coast Guard all developed creeds.



Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, President George W. Bush issued a stirring speech that inspired the nation and would later inspire part of the Airman's Creed: "We will not waiver; we will not tire; we will not falter, and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."

In 2007, General T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the US Air Force, introduced the Airman's Creed. In a letter introducing the creed, Moseley wrote that one of his "top priorities" was to "reinvigorate the warrior ethos in every Airman of our Total Force." Thus, the intent of the creed was to enhance the building of a warrior ethos among its Airmen and to provide Airmen a tangible statement of beliefs.

